

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steven A. Shaw on April 14, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In The Claims

Claim 26, in line 7, "handshake. wherein" has been replaced with --handshake, wherein--.

Claim 27, in lines 3-4, "the first channel" has been replaced with --the selected channel--.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 20-21, 23, 26-27, and 29 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art does not teach or fairly suggest coupling an enhanced master device with a slave device without using polling or a handshake; wherein the master device is only device that can initiate transmissions using only data and not control information; responding to the master device from the slave device on a channel selected from a repeated channel adaptive hopping sequence, derived from the original hopping sequence, if the slave device is an enhanced slave device; and responding to the master device from the slave device on a channel selected from the

original hopping sequence if the slave device is a legacy slave device, as specified in independent claims 20 and 26.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANH-VU H. LY whose telephone number is (571)272-3175. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:00am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chi Pham can be reached on 571-272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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